

Judge Orders Stans to Turn Over Papers

Washington

A federal judge ruled here yesterday that papers kept by Maurice Stans while he was secretary of commerce must be turned over to a grand jury investigating bribery and a campaign law violation because the documents "show conclusively

ments of the U.S. Constitution, which bar illegal search and seizure and provide a right against self-incrimination.

Last week Hart received the papers from Stans' lawyers in three large briefcases.

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es and inspected them privately in his office.

The judge said yesterday that besides the 17 folders that will go to the grand jury, six other folders of Stans' papers are wholly private and not subject to the subpoena.

In addition, Hart said he would delay ruling on another group of papers from Stans' files, containing letters between Stans and Mr. Nixon on possible federal job appointments. Attorneys for the President said the correspondence was protected by executive privilege. Hart said he would accept further arguments on the issue.

Late yesterday Leon T. Knauer, an attorney for Stans, said he had not yet decided whether to appeal Hart's ruling.

that Mr. Stans had frequent contacts with (political) contributors during his tenure" in the Commerce post.

U.S. District Judge George L. Hart Jr. said that the papers deal with campaign contributions and possible appointments to federal jobs that Stans made

or recommended while he served as President Nixon's first secretary of commerce from 1969 to February, 1972.

The documents are part of 17 folders of Stans' papers, dating from the day after the 1968 election to last February, which Hart said must be turned over to the Water-

gate grand jury by May 31.

Stans, the chief fund-raiser for Mr. Nixon's campaigns in both 1968 and 1972, has refused to obey the grand jury subpoena since early March. He has contended that the documents are his personal papers, protected by the Fourth and Fifth amend-

In his eight - page order Judge Hart said many of the papers from Stans' periods both as commerce secretary and as chief Nixon fund-raiser "might relate to 'possible' violations" of at least a half - dozen federal statutes, cited by the Watergate special prosecutor's office.

These include bribery, conspiracy, taking political contributions from corporate funds, and making federal appointments and awarding government contracts in return for campaign donations.

In its subpoena, the grand jury said the papers include lists prepared by Stans of big campaign contributors whom Stans suggested be given federal jobs or appointed to commissions.

The subpoena also asked for a list of non-contributors,

or those whom Stans felt didn't give enough, and therefore should not be given federal jobs.

"It is not possible," Hart wrote, "for the court in an in camera (private) inspection to determine which of Mr. Stans' contacts while he was secretary of commerce were purely personal, which related only to official Department of Commerce business and which related to persons who made or were solicited for contributions prior to or during his service as secretary.

"Consequently, the court must conclude that Mr. Stans' appointments while he was secretary of commerce must inevitably include some with persons who were solicited for political contributions to or for republican candidates prior to Jan. 20, 1969, or thereafter."